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“ALANA is an organization to support all people of color and minority groups on campus.”

- Joey Patron, '17



ALANA Services

Receiving my acceptance letter in the mail was a very exciting moment. I remember freaking out to my parents about it and texting my friends in all exclamation points!!! The only thing that concerned me out of all things—not the location, the academics, not even the scholarship—but rather, the diversity. I wanted to make sure that the college I

would attend have some type of diversity. As a Filipino, I wanted to find diversity on campus because I wanted people I could connect with on a cultural level. I wanted to feel at home. ALANA not only made me feel at home, but it also provided a lot of opportunities to get involved on campus.

What is ALANA?

“ALANA provides services that support academic, personal, spiritual, and leadership development,” as stated on the Loyola website. They also sponsor a lot of programs that are related to diversity and cultural awareness. But do not get confused. ALANA is **NOT** a club! It is a bunch of programs and clubs that all join together to make one big organization.

Imagine a tree. The main tree is called ALANA and the roots that make up ALANA are the clubs and programs. The roots would consist of:

- The Asian Cultural Alliance
- Caribbean Student Union
- African Student Association
- Association of Latin American and Spanish Students

Attending clubs and events held by the ALANA offices gave me a better opportunity in finding people who are culturally diverse. When I went to the Asian Cultural Alliance meetings, I met more Asians than I usually do on a daily basis. Mingling with other students when I attended SISTER2SISTER and Caribbean Student Union was a great experience because I got to expand my connections to more students on campus. It opened my eyes to the fact that there are a lot more people on campus who I do not know, yet.

What does ALANA stand for?

ALANA stands for African, Latino, Asian, Native American.

Where is it located?

Located on the third floor above Boulder.



MAN2MAN

Males on campus come together and talk about important issues that relate to being a male and issues that vary from cultural differences, academics, and life in general.

SISTER2SISTER

For the ladies on campus! We share our highs and lows of the week, our struggles, feminism, and other issues on what it means to be a female in today's society.

